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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed from the Patent Office on July 28, 2000.

REMARKS

The Office Action indicates that a restriction to one of the following claim groups is required: (I) Claims 1-11; (II) Claims 12-18; (III) Claims 19-23; (IV) Claims 24-29; and (V) Claims 30-31.

Applicants hereby elect claim Group IV (i.e., Claims 24-29) with traverse with respect to Group V (i.e., Claims 30-31). Applicants submit that the restriction between Groups IV and V is not required and should be withdrawn, because a search of either of the claim groups would include a search in the classes and subclasses relevant to the other claim group. Applicants respectfully submit that these claims are not so unrelated as to constitute a serious burden on searching and examination as would entail imposition of a restriction requirement. Applicants thus request reconsideration of the requirement for restriction between Groups IV and V and examination of all of claims 24-31.

Respectfully submitted,

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